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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Comments on Draft Formaldehyde Assessment: Mode of Action –Comments Regarding the Assessment’s Consistency, Format, and Scientific Support for its Conclusions and Specific Comments on Hematopoietic and “other” cancers.

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As asked by the workgroup chairs of the Toxicology Pathways Workgroup (TPW), I have reviewed specific sections of the June 13, 2013 draft formaldehyde IRIS assessment and, as requested by Vincent Coglianò at his general IRIS meetings, I have reviewed the document as a peer reviewer would with the intent of providing constructive advice on its content, scientific rigor, flow, transparency, and consistency.

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**General comments:**

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